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In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/019,680) Art Unit: 1723
Filed: January 4, 2002) Examiner: Sorkin, D.
For: BLOOD COMPONENTS)
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SIR:

In response to the office action of November 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: